

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed January 27, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire April 27, 2005. Claims 1-14, 16-59, 61-104, and 106-141 are currently pending. With this amendment, claims 1-14, 16-25, 27, 29, 31, 35-46, 48, 51, 61, 65, 67, 91-104, 106, 107, 109-113, 115, 117, 119, 121, and 125-135 have been amended, and claims 136-141 have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-14, 16-59, 61-104, and 106-141 because of informalities. Claims 1, 46, and 91 have been amended to correct these informalities. Therefore, this objection is believed to be overcome.

The Examiner stated that Applicants are required to furnish the formal drawings in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Formal drawings were submitted to the Official Draftsperson on March 3, 2004. Applicants are again submitting the formal drawings with the present response.

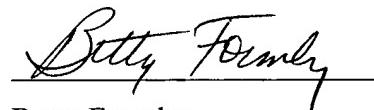
The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-14, 16-59, 61-104, and 106-141 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-141 of copending application 09/826,121. Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith. Therefore, this rejection is believed to be overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 136-141 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0116336 published by *Diacakis*. These claims have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-14, 16-59, 61-104, and 106-135 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the double patenting rejections. Applicants believe the double patenting rejections should be withdrawn because Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, the pending claims are believed to be in an allowable form. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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